

**TERRESTRIAL BROADCAST COPY PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR DIGITAL
TELEVISION**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the invention, a method for protecting digital television from unauthorized digital receivers within a population of digital receivers is disclosed. Each digital receiver in the population has a unique identifier. In one step, provisioning information is received from a subset of the population of digital receivers indicating that the 5 subset is potentially within range to receive digital television from a broadcaster. First decryption information is distributed to the subset of the population of digital receivers. The first decryption information allows for potentially decrypting a plurality of programs coextensively in time. The unauthorized digital receivers are cryptographically excluded from using the first decryption information. A first program is encrypted using a first method 10 that is cryptographically related to second decryption information. The first program is sent. The second decryption information is distributed and cryptographically secured with the first decryption information.